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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SUMMIT MEETING

1. TODAY'S (JAN 17) POLITIKEN (INDEP. - LEFT OF CENTER) CARRIES

A "COMMENT" BY PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN ON THE MEETING THIS

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WEEKEND OF WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS. HE DESCRIBED IT

"AS YET ANOTHER LINK IN THE SERIES OF CONFERENCES THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS - IN THE HAGUE, AT "CHECKERS" IN ENGLAND, IN BERLIN AND IN STOCKHOLM - TO STRENGTHEN CONTACTS AMONG EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES EXERT CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN MOST OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (AND ALTHOUGH) THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE INDEPENDENT THEY SHARE THE SAME BASIC PHILOSOPHY." THE PROBLEM, AS JORGENSEN SEES IT, IS HOW TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND 'REAL-POLITIK.'

2. THE PRIME MINISTER LISTED THE FOLLOWING AS AMONG THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

HOW TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY ECONOMIC GROWTH
WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY ENVIRONMENTAL
AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS;
HOW TO TACKLE THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION;
HOW TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE
SO THAT DEMOCRACY IS STRENGTHENED;
HOW BEST TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO
ENTER INTO "THE NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER."

"IF WE CAN FIND ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS," THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED, "IT WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, IT WOULD BENEFIT EUROPE IN GENERAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE IN THE WORLD."

3. IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT TO THE DANISH PRESS AGENCY, RITZAU'S BUREAU, QUOTED IN THE JANUARY 17 EDITION OF BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEP. CONS.) THE PRIME MINISTER SAID "THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SHOULD TOTALLY REJECT ANY COOPERATION WITH ORTHODOX COMMUNIST PARTIES, BUT ONE MUST REMEMBER THAT TODAY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES. I CANNOT SPECULATE AT THIS TIME ON THE FORM OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH NON-ORTHODOX COMMUNIST PARTIES."

4. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE AND AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC), HOWEVER, DO SPECULATE THAT THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION WITH THE COMMUNISTS IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE WEEKEND MEETING, ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE AGENDA.

"WHAT WILL BECOME OF (DEMOCRATIC) SOCIALISM WHEN THE COMMUNISTS TURN INTO DEMOCRATS?" IS THE WAY AKTUEL AKS THE QUESTION.
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"EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WILL THEN BE FOCUSED ON FRANCESCO DE MARTINO WHO ONLY LAST WEEK TORPEDOED ALDO MORO TO DEMONSTRATE TO BOTH CHRISTIANS AND COMMUNISTS THAT THE SOCIALISTS ARE STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH. IN ITALY, HOWEVER, THERE IS ALREADY DISCUSSION OF WHETHER THE COMMUNISTS UNDER ENRICO BERLINGUER ARE COMMUNISTS AT ALL OR WHETHER THEY RATHER HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THE SOCIALISTS..." NEITHER PAPER HOWEVER, EXPECTS THE WEEKEND MEETING TO BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PROBLEM.

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